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## Man Charged in Computer Thefts

by Wendy Townley and Renee Ryan

UNO Campus Security apprehended Curt Paul Monday night as he was leaving the College of Business Administration (CBA). Paul was allegedly carrying a laptop computer that belonged to the university.

Last week, several university laptop computers were missing. According to Manager of University Relations Tim Fitzgerald, two laptop computers were taken from unoccupied and unsecured offices. A third computer was taken from a locked room by forced entry.

On Friday, Campus Security gave this description of a possible suspect: a Caucasian male, 5'7" to 5'9" in height, having a thin build with brown hair.

On Monday, Campus Security Officers Mark Carroll, Rick Hancock, and Malcolm Wallace allegedly witnessed Paul leaving the

CBA at approximately 6 p.m. Paul was allegedly carrying a laptop computer.

"Mr. Paul fit the description of our suspect," Assistant Manager of

p.m. on Monday, and the majority of the cars had left the parking lots by 11 p.m. We (Campus Security) were then able to easily locate Paul's car," Kosel said.

The remaining computers were allegedly seen through the window of Paul's car.

"However, without a search warrant, we (Campus Security) were unable to get inside of Paul's car," Kosel said.

At approximately 8:15 a.m. Tuesday, the Omaha Police Department arrived on campus to tow Paul's car away.

According to Computing Resource Director John Fiene, the three laptop computers that were taken from Campus Computing were each valued at \$2,700.

According to the Douglas County Attorney's office, Paul was charged with felony theft on Tuesday.

**Two laptop computers were taken from unoccupied and unsecured offices. A third computer was taken from a locked room by forced entry.**

Campus Security Paul Kosel said on Tuesday. "The suspect did run on foot, but the guards on duty were able to apprehend him until the Omaha Police arrived."

While Campus Security did regain one computer, two were still missing.

"Final classes let out around 10

## Security at UNO Examined

by Kristine Kohlmeier

Is safety a problem at UNO? Recent numbers indicate that the issue of campus safety does not appear to be a problem, however, it is a concern for some students.

"The crime rate is very low," said Paul Kosel, manager of Campus

Security. When compared to other campuses in Nebraska, UNO is one of the safest, Kosel said. He also said that the crime rate for UNO this year is at or below average.

In the publicly available pamphlet "Campus Security Policies and Crime Statistics," few crimes were reported in the years 1994-1997. However, safety at UNO is a major concern among students. With the much publicized sexual assault of an instructor still in recent memory, many women are hesitant to be alone on campus, especially at night.

Kosel summarized how security is staffed. There is always a dispatcher and never less than two guards on campus. Usually, between four and six guards are patrolling during the day. In the evening, three or four security guards are on duty from the staff of six.

Security continues to patrol the buildings, and when any type of crime occurs they notify the staff and faculty so they can keep a better watch for any further activity, Kosel said.

Some securityguards have completed crime-prevention programs.

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They have changed the way they patrol to make themselves more visible.

Security also works with the Omaha Police Division. They monitor the police radio bands in case a crime is reported in the area.

Students working alone, especially at night, may want to have personal safety checks. By informing a security officer of his or her location, the student can be checked on occasionally.

Another program Campus Security offers is personal escorts. Ap-

prehensive students can be walked safely to their cars.

The blue emergency phones can be used for non-emergency purposes, Kosel said. If a student wants an escort or feels suspicious about anything, he or she can use the phones to talk to security.

"Right now, crime is really low, mainly because we don't have dorms. Once we do, increases will occur in crime, thefts, etc.," Kosel predicted.

With the opening of the dorms in the fall of 1999, changes will have to be made in the way security operates. The current security staff of

20 officers will most likely need to expand.

For women concerned with attack prevention, educational programs and information can be found in the UNO Counseling, Health Services and Alcohol and Drug Education Centers along with Campus Security. Later this semester, the Women's Resource Center will host a workshop called "Women Against Rape" (W.A.R.). Other programs are offered by martial arts clubs and the YWCA.

## Zebras Have Stripes, Not Stress

by Helen Evans

Did you know that zebras don't get ulcers? How do they avoid them? These were among the interesting facts and answers given at UNO's Academy, Business and Community Breakfast Series which took place Jan. 28 at 7:00 a.m. at Omaha's Holiday Inn Central.

Stanford University biologist Robert Sapolsky, author of "Why Zebras Don't Get Ulcers ... All About Stress Management," used wit and humor in his approach to stress management as he centered his discussion around an example involving a zebra and a lion. His basic premise is that human beings are unlike any other mammal when it comes to stress.

He said that with the drought, heat, lions and hyenas to contend with, being a zebra isn't easy. He added that when a zebra is being chased by a lion in the savanna, the zebra will experience stress associated with shock. Likewise, if a voracious lion must catch a zebra in order to keep from starving, he is going to undergo an increased amount of stress too.

The human body's response to stress is more complicated. The body is naturally well-suited for getting a person through the occasional crises of life.

When a threat is near, the hippocampus in the brain secretes the hormone corticotrophin-releasing factor, which floods the bloodstream and signals the adrenals to manufacture steroid-like molecules called glucocorticoids.

Within a few minutes, the body rises to the occasion, pumping blood where it is the most needed, shutting down unnecessary bodily function, including a mobilization of energy, suppression of digestion, reproduction, growth and immune systems.

A sharpening of cognition takes place as the body taps into unusual powers of strength and concentration. This produces a rush-like sensation in the body. This type of a rush is not entirely negative.

Some people afflicted with disorders that suppress the stress responses cannot even rise from a chair without losing blood pressure and may go into shock at the slightest provocation.

The problem is the overuse of the mechanisms that deal with stress rather than the stress responders themselves. Sapolsky claims the body fails to shut off the automatic responses fast enough or fully enough when faced with frequent, severe stress. At this point, an individual can find oneself in a continual state of red alert. Often, this can lead to complications including fatigue, diabetes, stress-induced hypertension, colitis, impotency, dwarfism, increase in diseases and neuron death.

If the body's internal emergency system gets called into action too often, it wears away the ability to function under normal conditions.

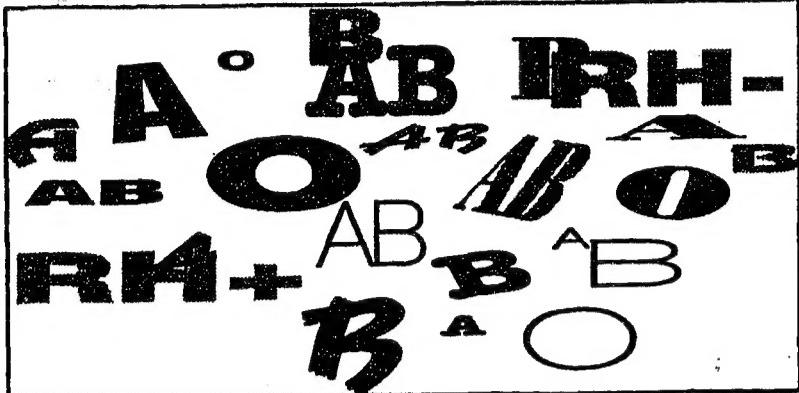
Sapolsky has conducted pioneering research on how the psychological challenges and chronic stress common to our daily lives can damage brain function, disrupt memory and contribute to stress-related illnesses.

UNO's Chancellor Nancy Belck gave the opening introduction and remarks at the breakfast. When asked how she felt about the presentation, she said, "It was excellent. There was a lot of information given and Sapolsky presented it in an interesting fashion. One main point that he made during the question-answer period was that the key to reducing stress is through social networking. I believe this is essential for all individuals."

UNO will host two more ABC Breakfast Series speakers this year. On Mar. 5, Sarah Brady will be speaking on the topic, "Personal Safety in America." Joel Siegel will also present, "At the Movies With Joel Siegel" on April 21.

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Dr. James R. Buck was interviewed last week in an open forum for the Vice Chancellor for External Affairs position.

## Majority of Youths Don't Fear AIDS, Study Finds

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (College Press Service)

Nearly nine out of 10 young people say they're not worried about getting the AIDS virus, a national survey by MTV and Yale University reveals. Even though 20 percent of those surveyed said they had a friend or acquaintance die of AIDS, 87 percent of people ages 12 to 24 say they feel invulnerable to the virus. The survey, conducted by Yale University's Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS and the entertainment network MTV, quizzed 770 people 12 to 34 about their attitudes and behaviors related to sex, health and AIDS.

"The study is important because it tells us that, despite the information that's out there, young people have not internalized the dangers of AIDS, drugs, alcohol and other health-related risks," said Michael Merson, dean of public health at Yale University School of Medicine. Only 2 percent of whites consider themselves vulnerable to getting the AIDS virus, compared with 16 percent of Hispanics and 11 percent of blacks.

The majority, or 63 percent of respondents, cited using condoms and practicing safe sex as a way to prevent AIDS. While 90 percent of all respondents say they are not engaging in any activity that puts them at risk for getting AIDS, only half (53 percent) of unmarried respondents used a condom the last time they had sex, and 33 percent of unmarried respondents have not received or purchased a condom in the last six months.

The survey also found that young people say their economic well-being and family relationships are their top concerns. Only 3 percent of respondents said AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases were an important personal concern. Six percent mentioned crime, violence and gangs; and 7 percent cited drugs and alcohol. By comparison, 22 percent say their career, employment and personal development are primary personal concerns, and 21 percent said educational achievement tops their list.

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# International Culture Comes To UNO

by Melanie Wilson

When a person thinks of Vietnam, he or she might remember the Vietnam War, or more accurately "the police state," and its effects, causing draft dodging and uproar.

Most might not think about its culture. International Student Services (ISS) hopes to change that and expose UNO students to Vietnamese culture in addition to the culture of many other countries.

Their display in the fireplace lounge is designed "to provide students with a better understanding of world cultures," said Ghafar Azimi, the director of ISS. The students involved helped set up a Vietnam table with videos, clothing, cultural items,

printed matter and books they found related to the Vietnam culture.

The same type of information is brought together for other cultures and provides an interesting non-academic environment to view these items. These items can be viewed in the Milo Bail Student Center's Fireplace Lounge. By investigating these tables with information, extensive knowledge about these different cultures can be learned.

Other themes to be displayed by ISS are China, the Philippines and France, which are currently slated to appear in February.

In March, ISS is hosting a Cultural Fair which will display all cul-

tures covered to that date, including Afghanistan, which was hosted in December. No cultural theme has been selected for April, but Azimi thinks ISS may display Korea or Japan.

Another hope held by ISS is the other tables will be good "preparation for... the cultural fair," Azimi said.

This fair is the culmination of their work over the past months.

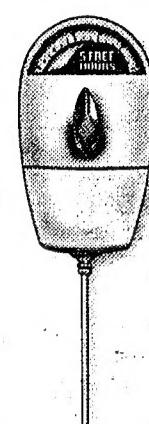
The possibilities on what one will find are endless: maybe a piece of Afghani clothing, possibly information about French dancing or even Filipino art. The sky is the limit on the treasures to be seen.



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## Correction

In the Jan. 23 issue, we identified Curtisa Jackson as a speaker at the Martin Luther King Jr. activities. Her name was misspelled in that caption.



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# Gateway Opinion

## In Step With The Times

(A staff response to the column One Step At A Time)

"UNO exists for the purpose of providing appropriate educational opportunities, discovering and disseminating knowledge through research and teaching, and offering public service to the citizens of the State, particularly the residents of the Omaha metropolitan area."

- University of Nebraska at Omaha Mission Statement

Careless or thoughtless words are often a source of contention between parties, be they friends, spouses, siblings or institutions. Such was the case last week, with a Jan. 21 editorial written by the staff of the *Daily Nebraskan*, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's student newspaper.

In comments about the Nebraska Board of Regents 7-1 approval for housing on UNO's campus, the *Daily Nebraskan* editorial included certain statements that made some teeth grind within the UNO community.

Along with a brief description of the residence hall "suites," cost factors and future resident profiles, the staff of the *Daily Nebraskan* offered the following advice (or admonishment) to UNO about the new residence halls:

"For this we applaud UNO, but we offer a word of caution: Don't let this set a precedent. Don't try to alter the very thing that has made UNO a unique part of the university system since its inception ... Don't destroy the sole purpose of Omaha's university."

'Excuse us, don't you mean one of Nebraska's universities?

If collective memory and research serves us well, and it does, the Municipal University of Omaha became a card-carrying member of the University of Nebraska system, which today includes UNL, UNO and the University of Nebraska-Kearney, on July 1, 1968.

Claiming that UNO's sole purpose for existing is to service only the people of Omaha was either a careless or convenient error. The mission statement of UNO includes the state of Nebraska in general, as well as metropolitan Omaha in particular. Whether careless or convenient, that statement is the kind that can cause ill will between the two campuses.

The *Daily Nebraskan* editorial also stated that UNO has always been a "self-stated 'urban university.'" We don't dispute that. Being urban means nothing more than being of or in a city. However, UNO is best described as a metropolitan university. According to the mission statement, it has "a distinctly metropolitan emphasis."

A metropolis, according to "Webster's New World Dictionary," is a "main city, center of population or culture." The adjective

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metropolitan encompasses not only the city, but "adjacent cities and smaller communities," as well. So, while we don't argue that urban is not inappropriate (the same description could be applied to UNL or UNK), metropolitan, as an adjective, better reflects the character of today's UNO.

How can the availability of residence hall accommodations to UNO's student population destroy the purpose of UNO? Yes, on-campus housing just might attract more students. It might attract more international students who, if only by their presence on this campus, enrich the educational experiences of the many Omaha, Ralston, Millard, Bennington, La Vista and Bellevue students, not to mention other students from the state,

for whom UNO exists.

The 746 international students, scholars and other affiliates on campus representing

80 countries from

around the globe, attest to the contribution UNO has made in making Omaha and its surrounding communities, as well as the rest of the state, a world-wide presence. Its mission of public service to Omaha and the state is fulfilled in part by fostering international ties. Housing international students on campus helps create and strengthen those ties.

Yes, housing on the campus just might attract more students to UNO; maybe even some of the students from the metropolitan Omaha area who chose to attend UNL because it offered what UNO could not: on-campus housing. By not offering on-campus housing, UNO was not fully serving its metropolitan population. The new residence halls will also help fulfill that aspect of the mission statement.

So, for future reference, we again offer this excerpt from the UNO mission statement to the staff of the *Daily Nebraskan*. No offense intended. None taken.

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(The *Daily Nebraskan* editorial can be accessed on their web site: [www.unl.edu/DailyNeb](http://www.unl.edu/DailyNeb))

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## Clinton's Special Award

opinion by Sean Guilfoyle

The Spice Girls cleaned house at the American Music Awards on Monday night, receiving all too many honors for their debut album. As the different categories for awards were being announced, I thought of another potential honor that could have been bestowed: The Song and Dance Award. The criteria would be simple: that group or individual who has consistently twisted reality by spouting distorted and broad information over the course of one year. This award wouldn't go to any musical entertainer, though.

"And the winner for the fifth straight year ... President Clinton."

The destruction of the office of the presidency has got to come to a screeching halt. Inconsistencies, snafus and misleading information has finally tarnished the position beyond polishing.

The president's "alleged" affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky has caused quite a fervor across the nation. Is this justified branding of Clinton, or merely a witch-hunt by right-wing conservatives? The mood at the White House is a good indication. Seems like even Clinton's closest cronies are worried about the potentially damaging implications that are surfacing each day. Here are some of the facts:

Clinton admitted to having an affair with Gennifer Flowers during his six-hour deposition in the Paula Jones case. This is the same woman who Clinton denied having relations with during his run for office in 1992. This gives more plausibility to the current allegations being raised. Once a cheater, always a cheater.

Lewinsky's friend, Linda Tripp, herself a White House employee, has recorded tapes of over 20 hours of conversation between herself and Lewinsky. The tapes allegedly reveal that Clinton told Lewinsky to lie about their relationship during Lewinsky's deposition, also in the Paula Jones case. These tapes have been turned over to special prosecutor Kenneth Starr, whose scope of investigation has been broadened from Whitewater to include the current allegations as well. A usually stonewalled Justice Department swiftly gave Starr the authority to investigate the matter, another indication of demise in the Clinton administration.

Clinton's unusually "legal" wording of his statements. Obviously, his advisors have de-

vised a plan for him. His stern denial on Monday was worded so as not to implicate himself. "I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky."

Some supporters are saying Clinton has clearly shown his answer regarding the situation, but has he really?

During the White House press conference following Clinton's statements, Spokesman Mike McCurry said he wouldn't dignify one reporter's question concerning Clinton's meaning of the term "sexual relations," saying that the American people knew what he meant. I'm not one of those Americans who

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knows what the president intended by his carefully worded comments. Does sexual relations mean actual physical intercourse? Could it include oral sex as well?

Why doesn't the President simply say what he means by his comments? It shouldn't take nearly a week for him to respond to a simple yes or no question, either.

The president gave Ms. Lewinsky a dress, which reportedly has semen stains on it. How many White House interns does the president give dresses to?

Hillary's response to the dress matter was quite humorous. "Anyone who knows my husband knows he is an extremely generous person, to people he knows, to strangers ... I've seen him take his tie off and hand it to somebody." Her carefully crafted statements also make me wonder what is really going on.

This is an issue that won't die by itself, nor should it. If the president had a sexual affair with Ms. Lewinsky, so what. The American people have voted Clinton into office knowing what a louse he was before, so obviously morals aren't an issue. If, however, he told her to lie, there may be legal implications, those which may be beyond the reach of the American public, or even the best of Clinton's spin doctors.

## Rediscovering History

opinion by Hilary Webb

Hello world, UNO ... whoever's out there. I'm a third year convert Spanish major here at our fine educational institution. Like all you business, science, medical, educational and other majors, I, too, am trudging through the bureaucracy to the B.A. at the end of the tunnel.

It is this journey which, at times against my will, drives me to venture out of the Arts & Sciences Hall to the far reaches of campus. Compiling my liberal arts' education (not to be confused with liberal artist's or artsy liberal's), can at times be trying. I take it upon myself to demand the best, to question the motives of these classes outside my own major.

So, this semester, I find myself in World Civ II, as we all do at some point in our college adventures. During our first class discussion, the question of UNO's installment of mandatory history for all graduates (approximately 15 years ago) is thrown out to our group. Being the innate cynic and procrastinator that I am, I con scribe to deriving more questions from the original assignment

rather than completing it.

Considering that UNO has mandated history, the school must feel that history is important to its graduates, therefore, important to education. In this case, should not history be both relevant and applicable in the individual case of each major? In my particular experience, the classes which I have completed that deeply explore and endeavor to relate Latino/Chicano history from these cultures' personal and detailed perspectives have accredited me sociology credit. Observing that these are the peoples with whom I will work throughout my career, is this course which vaguely describes Hispanic peoples from a Western perspective intended to prepare me, opposed to a specified course designed around their cultures?

As future graduate and graduate students, the school entrusts us to introduce new theories, systems, medicines and ideas to the world. However, we deserve to be prepared, and to know whose shoulders we are riding on, historically.

# Finding the Science in Science Fiction Shows

by Eileen Kenney

For ages man has searched the skies, and more recently the deserts of New Mexico, for signs of intelligent life not our own. A new television program now theorizes it may not be aliens we have to look out for after all. We have nothing to fear but ... ourselves (only a little different).

The premise of this new show on ABC-TV suggests not only that evolution has occurred in recent times, but that humans have evolved and the average Joe has, unfortunately, fallen one rung in the world food chain.

"Prey" (ABC, Thursday, 7 p.m.) suggests that a 1.6 percent differential in DNA indicates there is a new hominid out there, and in a fitting tribute to Darwin's theory of survival of the fittest, they are cleaning house.

Based on fact? Or totally off the wall? These were the questions posed to UNO's Dr. Timi Barone, assistant professor of anthropology and Dr. Ann Antlfinger, biology professor, neither of whom had seen the show.

**"In nature, in terms of killing other creatures, usually you don't kill for no apparent reason. You kill to survive. You don't see that kind of competition unless somebody has been kind of squeezed out — there is some kind of environmental change, some upheaval."**

— Dr. Timi Barone

"I think they are pulling together a lot of bits and pieces of science in an unusual way," Barone said. "Part of it is probably springing from a recent article in the journal, "Cell," regarding Neanderthal DNA that said we (*Homo sapiens*) share a common ancestor, but are two different groups."

"Prey" suggests that 40,000 years ago the most advanced species on earth (Neanderthals) was wiped out by a new life form — us. Now, we are on the receiving end.

Barone contends there is no good evidence that the Neanderthals were massacred, but that theory, and now this program, perhaps reflects our feelings about ourselves and our identity as competitors as much as scientific evidence.

The evolution of a new species, speciation, requires a number of components, Barone said. "Generally you have to have some kind of isolation for a species to evolve. Most commonly, my understanding is that this is geographic isolation — an impassable mountain range or an island. In addition, there has to be significant pressure on the population (to change). And right now, humans are pretty good at outrunning pressure," she said.

Antlfinger said that while she has not seen the program, the premise is not extremely far-fetched and sounds like they are close to some scientific fact.

"Usually speciation is gradual, considering our lifetime," said Antlfinger. "However, there are some documented cases currently being studied that show a single species in the process of subdividing, and you see hybrids. But speciation goes through a long process before one generation becomes different enough from the source to be called a different species."

Both Barone and Antlfinger agreed that exposure to some kind of mutagen, perhaps radiation, could hasten a genetic change.

"It's not impossible that species can be formed in a shorter period of time," Antlfinger said. "There are other mechanisms in which most species can form in one generation if there has been chromosomal change, and also mechanisms of speciation that don't require that the two groups be isolated from each other."

It is known to have occurred with two groups

that overlap considerably, or are even in the same area, Antlfinger said. "But that has not normally been the case with mammals."

So, would a new species be driven to killing us off?

Without having seen the show, Antlfinger hesitated to theorize on a premise about competition. "If one species is the parent and a new species has evolved from it, they are going to be extremely similar, and therefore would probably use the same type of resources, habitat, etc. . . ." she said.

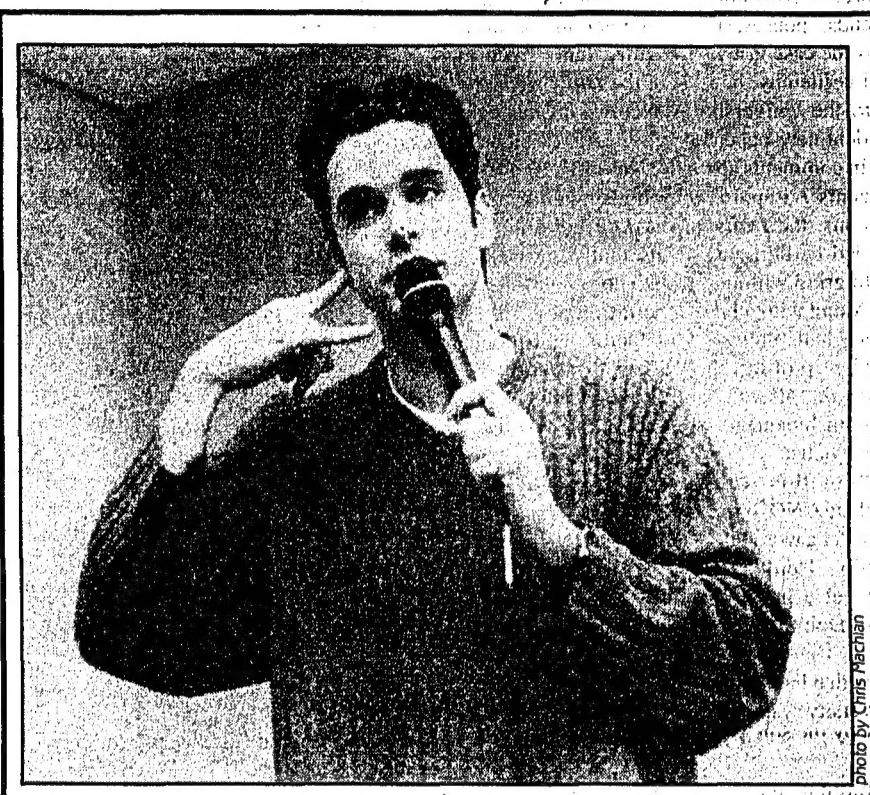
Antlfinger explained that the two species might come into competition with each other, but doesn't always follow that because two species are closely related they drive one another to extinction.

Barone agreed. "In nature, in terms of killing other creatures, usually you don't kill for no apparent reason. You kill to survive," she said. "You don't see that kind of competition unless somebody has been kind of squeezed out — there is some kind of environmental change, some upheaval."



International Student Services is displaying items from various countries in an ongoing series. The display pictured represents China.

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The female Gateway Athletes of the Week are (from left) Kim Ferris, Steph Patterson, and Kristy Malone. Erin Johns (pictured on Page 8) is also an Athlete of the Week.

The common thread through this week's *Gateway* Athletes of the Week for this week is a love of water.

We feature a quartet of swimmers and four hockey players for this week's award winners.

For the women, the award goes to the relay squad of **Erin Johns, Kim Ferris, Steph Patterson and Kristy Malone** for their team efforts in Saturday's Washington Invite held in

St. Louis, Mo. The relay team produced 128 of the 284 total points at the meet.

The foursome finished third in the 200-yard medley relay (2:01.83 and 32 points), third in the 400-medley relay (4:29.83 and another 32 points) and fourth place in the 800-yard freestyle relay (8:52.30 and 30 points).

The team highlight was a second place finish in the 400-freestyle relay. Their time of 3:55.67 was the team's fourth top four finish of the day and the last piece of the puzzle in the 128 points from relays.

Each of the four turned in a good performance in individual events as well.

Head coach Todd Samland had his thoughts on the four swimmers.

"Ferris put in a lifetime best in the 200-free and Malone was our star of the meet," Samland said.

The men have four winners this week from the hockey team and all of them had break-out performances in the win and tie against Alabama-Huntsville over the weekend.

Leading the Mav charge on the ice was captain **Jeff Edwards**. Edwards had two goals and two assists over the weekend to lead all Mav scorers with four points. The goals were Edwards' second and third of the season.

It would be unfair not to recognize the three Mavs who

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For the men, the Gateway Athletes of the Week are (from left) Jeff Edwards, Jason White, David Noel-Bernier, and Vic Sharma.

## On the Right Track

### Mavs look to run all over competition

by Andy Nordmeier

The Mav track team will look to build on last weekend's performance at the Husker Open and run past the competition at the South Dakota Invite that runs today and tomorrow in Brookings, S.D.

This meet will be a measuring stick for the Mavs as they will lock horns with half of the North Central Conference. The four other NCC teams that will be there are Morningside, Augustana, South Dakota State and the host team South Dakota.

May head coach Tim Hendricks will be looking to qualify more runners for the national meet this weekend.

"We're going to load up the two-mile relay, Hendricks said, "and go for the school record and a national qualifying position."

This meet will be the first one that stretches over two days and makes it a little different; Hendricks acknowledges this fact.

"There is no real advantage to doing it this way," Hendricks said, "you just get used to running hard in two days."

Over the two days, the Mavs will be mixing it up with their relay teams to "test out where they fit in" and not give South Dakota a chance to see the Mavs top runners before the conference meet.

The one thing that may slow the Mavs down this weekend is a rash of colds and illnesses that have struck the team. At least six

runners have been fighting head and chest colds this week. It has led to the Mavs pulling out of the 3000-meter run because of illness.

The team is still loaded with healthy runners and should perform well this weekend. Carri Butler leads the charge for the Mavs. She is ranked second in Division II in the 55- and 400-meter runs. Jamie Erkes is fifth in the 55-meter high hurdles and has provisionally qualified for the national meet with a time of 8.33 seconds. Elise Henry is ranked fourth in Division II in the mile run and the mile relay team is second.

The Mavs are coming off of a tune-up at the Husker Open held Saturday in Lincoln.

The meet saw the Mavs add three more

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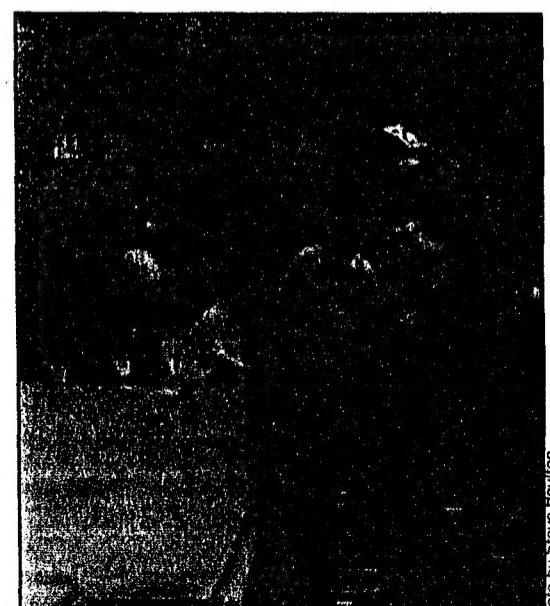


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# A Tale of Two Halves

## Mavs open second half of NCC season tonight

by Jason Kulper

The UNO basketball teams look to dish out some payback this weekend as the St. Cloud State Huskies and the Mankato State Mavericks come to the Sapp Fieldhouse tonight and tomorrow.

The Lady Mavs (8-10, 2-7 in North Central Conference) will try to put the brakes on a seven-game skid when they take on the high-scoring Huskies of St. Cloud State (11-7, 6-3 in the NCC). In their last meeting the Huskies out gunned the Mavs 101-97. The Huskies have four players averaging in double figures and as a team are scoring over 85 points per game (ppg).

The Huskies aren't the only thing the Mavs will be battling this weekend; one of head coach Cherri Mankenberg's biggest concerns is her team's health.

"We have had this ten-day virus that has gone through about half of our team. It's really something that we've had to struggle through," Mankenberg said.

The UNO losing streak started back on Jan. 2 when they lost to Saturday's opponent, MSU, (12-6, 3-6 in the NCC) by a score of 74-54. UNO will have to stop center Brenda Stachowski who is averaging 15.0 ppg. "We've changed a couple of things defensively here that we need to do in terms of containing our opponents better," Mankenberg said.

UNO is looking forward to playing at home and getting back on the winning track. Five of their last seven games have been on the road with three of the games coming against the top teams of the NCC. The losing streak has not forced UNO to raise the white flag yet.

"We have all been working very hard at getting our confidence back up," Mankenberg said, "I truly feel our kids have played and beaten good competition. We have to get back to our mentality that we can win when we play together."

The UNO men are hoping to use their recent win on the road against North Dakota State as a springboard to turn things around for the second-half of play in the NCC. Last Friday the Mavs beat North Dakota State 76-68.

"UNO had not won there since 1992 and we have had trouble winning close games so it was a big confidence builder for us," said Mav head coach Kevin Lehman.

The Mavs (9-9, 3-6 in the NCC) have an excellent opportunity to move up in the NCC as both St. Cloud State and Mankato State are ahead of them in conference standings.

If the Mavs are going to be beat the Huskies (10-8, 5-4 in

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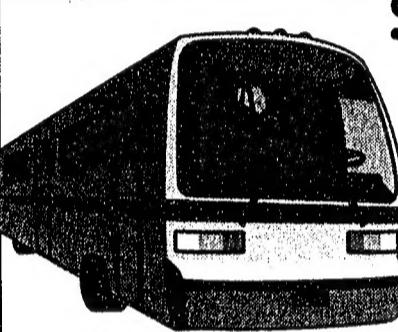
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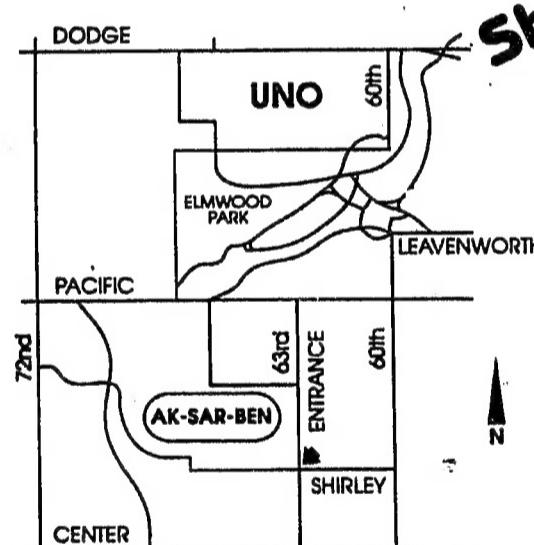
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Swimmer  
Erin Johns

each had three points on the weekend.

**Dave Noel-Bernier** ended his season-long scoring goal drought with a pair against Alabama-Huntsville. His goal on Sunday was the eventual game-tying goal in the 3-3 tie against the Chargers.

**Jason White** also contributed a pair of goals this weekend. His goal on Saturday was the insurance goal that gave the Mavs a 5-2 win and he had Sunday's first goal as well.

Lastly, **Vic Sharma** had a huge day Saturday as netted the game-winner and assisted on the second goal of the game which put the Mavs up 2-1. On Sunday, he bagged an assist on Edwards' goal.

Mav head coach Mike Kemp had his thoughts on the breakout performances.

"This is what I have been looking for," Kemp said, "I had anticipated it and now they are starting to light the lamp."

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the NCC), they will have start with shutting down center Jon Hinzman. Hinzman, who has been named the conference's player of the week four times, is averaging 22.8 ppg.

"Any time you have a big guy in the middle like that it creates a lot of problems," Lehman said.

The Mavs will counter with sophomore guard Mike Simons. Simons has been the Mavs leading scorer in the last four games averaging nearly 20 ppg. Simons has been one of the Mavs most consistent players scoring in double digits in each of the last 10 games.

Last time the Mavs hooked up with the Huskies, Charles Box led the way with 13 points in the 78-69 loss at St. Cloud, Minn. Box, a senior guard, has averaged 13 ppg in his three games back since suffering an ankle injury in the Augustana game.

On Saturday the NCC's second-place team, MSU comes to town. MSU (14-4, 6-3 in the NCC) is a balanced team that handed UNO a heart-breaking 92-86 loss in overtime when the two teams locked up in Mankato, Minn.

The last time these two teams met, Corey Griffin poured in 20 points to pace the Mavs. Griffin has scored in double-digits each of the last five games.

If the Mavs are looking to turn things around and get into post-season, this weekend is an opportune time to start gaining ground in the NCC.

"We're looking forward to the second half of the season. We still have a goal here to try to finish second in the league," Lehman said.

Weekend action starts Friday night with tip-off at 6:00 p.m. for the women's game.

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Amy Parsons, #243, leads the pack at the Husker Open track meet Saturday, Jan. 23.

provisional qualifiers to the national meet and bring home six top three finishes in a heavy field.

The meet was a 20-team field and featured the likes of Air Force, Wichita State, Nebraska-Kearney, Emporia and the host Nebraska. Some of the events had over 30 participants with one event topping out at 55 runners.

Butler added a provisional in the 400-meter dash on Saturday by taking second place and doing so in a time of 56.33 seconds. Butler was also a part of the 4x400 meter relay squad that qualified for nationals as well. Katie McDonnell, Sandy Derby, Kelly Koziol and Butler won the race and a qualifying spot in the national meet.

The other qualifier was Henry in the mile run. She finished fourth in 5:07.13 and it is just under the 5:08 necessary to get a provisional spot.

The Mavs flexed their muscle in the 1000-meter run as they captured four of the top five spots in the event. Henry finished second in 3:01.20, Shannon Williams was third in 3:04.20 and Amy Parsons (3:05.02) edged out teammate Tara Biltft (3:05.16) in a battle for fourth place.

The other Mav mile relay team took home a second place finish as well. The foursome of Karisa Fright, Reisha Vanterpool, Erkes and Shannon Williams finished behind the national qualifiers.

LaShante McRenolds took home second in the 55-meter hurdles in 8.23 seconds. McRenolds is listed as "unattached" on the score sheet and Hendricks explained why.

"She has to sit out a year due to the fact she transferred here," Hendricks said.

The team is in using the meets in constant preparation for the NCC meet in the first weekend in March.

Hendricks noted that the team "ran better in terms of time than last year," and summed up the week in five words, "We're going to run faster."

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